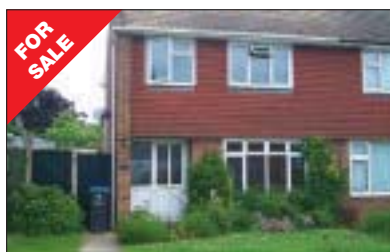




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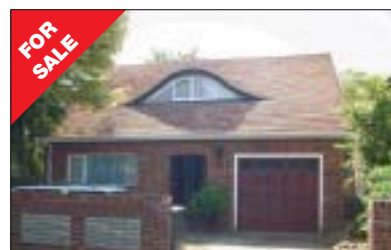
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FAILURES OF POLICY THAT LET US DOWN

'Huge impact' of placement of vulnerable people

THANET has been let down by a "public policy failure", according to the outgoing chief executive of the county council.

Peter Gilroy departs his post in May next year and in an interview with our sister paper Kent on Sunday lists his achievements during his time at County Hall – however, he also talks about regrets relating to the regeneration of the coastal towns.

"I think I would have probably liked to have been more radical and taken a closer interest in the regeneration of the coastal towns," he said.

Speaking about the more deprived

■ BY TOM BETTS

coastal areas of Kent such as Thanet and Dover, he said: "There has been a public policy failure about how the migrant population – and I don't mean immigrants from abroad, I mean from London – have ended up in the poorer parts of Kent and how that has impacted on the communities of these areas.

"Hotels in the 70s in seaside resorts turned into bedsits... I think I could have done more. I don't think I've done enough on that."

Asked by Yourthanet for more

details about his concerns regarding the issue, he said that the impact of large numbers of people being placed in the area for different reasons had "had a huge impact".

"There has been a cavalier approach from all over the country to placing vulnerable children into these areas, and then you had prisons placing into the same area," said Mr Gilroy.

"If you keep putting disadvantaged people in the community, then don't expect to have strategic regeneration, because it won't happen.

"For me the public policy failure was not saying that if you place people into

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BERT ALL AT SEA

A seal pup found struggling off Broadstairs in July has been released after being taken into care to recuperate.

The creature was sent to the Mallydams Wildlife Centre, near Hastings, to gain enough strength for a return to the wild. The common seal, which was just days old when found, was let go earlier this month.

Bert, as it was named, built up its appetite and gained weight by eating up to three kilos of fish a day.

Television presenter Ingrid Tarrant was there for the release, along with Mallydams manager Richard Thompson. Bert and other seals were released on the beach at Pett Level, East Sussex, and made their way out into the Channel. They have been tagged so that their progress can be monitored.



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OUR LIFELINE: Almost a quarter of all Kent call-outs were made to the Ramsgate station

'Staycationers' give lifeboat a hectic summer

■ BY TOM BETTS

RAMSGATE'S lifeboat is the busiest in Kent, according to RNLI figures.

The charity has compared the amount of launches that its boats were given in Kent during last summer with this summer.

The Ramsgate boat was launched 42 times over the period of June, July and August of this year.

The number of launches was down on the same period last year, when it hit the water 49 times, but it was still the busiest in Kent.

The figures were issued last week and show that Margate lifeboat was launched 25 times, up on the 19 launches last summer.

The summer 2009 figures show that rescues by lifeboat stations in Kent are at their highest level ever, exceeding last year's figure by 3 per cent.

In Kent there were 195 launches in total, spread over the eight RNLI lifeboat stations which cover the county's coastline.

RNLI divisional inspector Andrew Ashton said the increase in people staying in the UK for holidays and the

increase in water-based leisure activities were among the factors which could be to blame.

"Lifeboat stations have carried out a great deal of rescues, exceeding even last year's launch figures. While public awareness of our safety messages has increased, demand for our lifeboats has been higher than ever, possibly down to more people holidaying at home this summer, and the good weather Kent has seen, which is the best for a number of years.

"While the Great British public is relaxing on holiday, our crews are sacrificing their time, whether this is morning, noon or night, to go to their aid, demonstrating their enthusiasm and willingness to help others.

"Water-based activities are more accessible to the mass market – meaning that more people are using the sea for leisure.

"While the majority enjoy their watersports without getting into trouble, some end up needing the help of the RNLI's lifeboat volunteers, so it's really important that this group of sea-users supports us."

The RNLI's lifeboat launch and life-guard incident figures for summer 2009 are preliminary, with final verification yet to take place.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police probe after body found in bay

A BODY has been discovered in Pegwell Bay.

Police were called to an area near Sandwich Road, Cliffsend, at about 6.20pm on Monday.

The middle-aged man's body had been found at the water's edge near the old hoverport.

Police officers secured the scene on Tuesday morning. The body is thought to have been there for some time.

Casino lines up night with a Polish flavour

A POLISH-themed night is to be held at the G Casino at Westwood Cross.

Polish-speaking hosts will be on hand to teach people how to play blackjack and roulette and a two-course traditional meal with a free drink will be served.

There will be £5 worth of free matchplay for all Polish-speaking guests during the evening, on Monday, October 5, starting at 7.30pm.

The cost of the evening is £8.95 per person.

Officers on the move

A MOBILE police station will be in Northdown Road, Cliftonville, tomorrow (Thursday).

Neighbourhood officers will be on hand to discuss issues and concerns with residents of the area from 11am to 1pm, when it will depart.

To find out more, phone PCSO Tom Askew on 07972 004453 or visit www.kent.police.uk.

Honour for growers

GREENHOUSE complex Thanet Earth has been awarded an honour by the Institute of Horticulture.

The annual Norah Stucken Award has been given to the huge salad-growing operation near Monkton.

It has been awarded for outstanding projects which have made a significant impact on horticulture and commemorates Norah Stucken, the longstanding publisher of trade magazine The Grower.



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Stour is one of dirtiest rivers in the country

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE Stour, which forms part of Thanet's natural boundary, is one of the most polluted rivers in the country.

And environmentalists are warning of dire consequences for its wildlife if water quality does not improve.

Tests have revealed that the water quality in much of the River Stour, which flows into the sea between Pegwell and Sandwich Bays, is in the worst two per cent of the country's rivers.

And the report by the Environment Agency says that the Stour estuary at Pegwell is polluted with chemicals such as oestrogen and fertilisers, which are having an impact on wildlife in the SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest).

Seaweed

Dr Geoff Meaden, from Canterbury's Christ Church University, says fertilisers from farming are stimulating the growth of algae and seaweed in the bay, showing that "water quality there is not as good as it should be."

The geographer and specialist on Kent's water resources, said: "It has affected the amount of biological productivity in the bay, which is huge, and means seaweed is growing and thriving more than it usually would."

"It encourages a huge amount of algal growth, which tends to clog things up. Some animals have difficulty dealing with it because it mats together and creates these huge rafts of seaweed."

He warned that if the issue was not addressed, a variety of species such as otters,



TAKING ITS TOLL: Wildlife in Pegwell and Sandwich Bays is being increasingly affected by pollution from the Stour

kingfishers and water voles may be wiped from rivers such as the Stour for good.

He said the water quality has also taken its toll on the mudflats and its inhabitants.

"Lugworms are disappearing because they don't like the quality of the effluent coming out of the river. It also affects the numbers of shellfish and that has a knock-on effect for the birds which eat the worms."

Dr Meaden is calling for the Environment Agency to take action.

He said: "They should have enough powers to revoke the licences that farmers have to take water out of the river. That law needs to be changed."

"They have got to get the sewage plants to do better filtering of water. So the quality of water going back in is better, too."

"I predict that in about 25 years there will not be any flow at all in the river at some

points during the summer. The river can't cope with the demands that are made on it."

Falling water levels means that the flow of pollutants is more noticeable than before.

At times of low rainfall up to 70 per cent of the water in the Middle Stour between Ashford and Canterbury has passed through the Ashford sewage plant.

Dr Meaden said: "The amount of water coming into the Stour is very low and the flow has gone down by about 10 per cent over the last 50 years."

"As the water gets lower and more people move into the area, a higher percentage of the sewage goes back into the river over time."

The Environment Agency has found only five out of 6,114 rivers it has surveyed in the UK are clean.

None of the five which meet agreed common European standards are in Kent or Medway.

Town councillors angry over snub from airport boss

A RAMSGATE town councillor says the chief executive of Manston's Kent International Airport has turned down the offer to meet the elected representatives of the new body.

The council invited Matt Clarke to talk to it about the latest application for night-flying hours at the airport, but Yourthanet understands he declined the invitation.

Richard Nicholson, a former leader of Thanet council and a member of the council, which was formed earlier this year, said: "As far as I know, the chief executive has declined the offer to come and talk to us about the application."

"Ramsgate Town Council as a body invited him and I'm told he has refused, which I personally find very disappointing as a town councillor."

"I'm on the scrutineer committee and this application is important to the future of this town. I'm told he is not willing to come and talk and would rather stick to what he calls the format with Thanet council, even though I'm not sure that has been decided."

Flightpath

Large parts of the town lie under the airport flightpath and the noise created by planes coming over is the cause of much debate and protest.

A decision to allow or turn down the proposed night-flying hours will affect thousands of people.

Mr Clarke said: "We submitted our proposal to Thanet council and it is engaged in a formal consultation process with residents regarding the proposed night-time flying policy."

"As part of the Thanet council-managed process, I will be making myself available to speak with residents about the proposal."

Cllr Nicholson said: "It is important people understand what's going on with this application. If it's done wrong, then the genie really is out of the bottle."

Big housing plans for Hereson site

A PLAN to redevelop the former site of Hereson School in Broadstairs has been submitted to Thanet council.

Kent County Council wants to build 150 homes on the land now that the boys' school has almost vacated the site.

The outline planning application is for a low-density scheme and public consultation has been carried out.

The proposals comprise detached, semi-detached and terraced houses with two to five bedrooms.

The initial application, being submitted by TCA Property of West Malling, is aiming to establish the principle of any residential development as well as the density and access to the site and homes.

The final design and appearance of the development would be the subject of a later, more detailed, planning application.

The early plans exclude provision for flats, as there are too many in the area. That means the homes will be designed with families in mind and will have back gardens, matching up with the results of the consultations.

A village green of about one hectare is also proposed for the northern part of the site.

Financial contributions towards improvements at the Memorial Recreation Ground off Lawn Road and at Pierremont Park, both in Broadstairs, would also be made.

If the plans are approved by Thanet council, KCC will be able to sell the site with planning permission in 2011.

'We have to go back to good-quality housing'

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Thanet, the whole of the money that you get for those people will transfer to the authority you place within.

"If, for instance, a child is placed here that costs the Government £2,000 a week, all that money should go to Thanet, rather than £500 to pay for the child's care, with the other £1,500 being pocketed by the people who sent them here."

"We should have had conventions in place, nationally and locally. Perhaps we could have done more on that."

"When you look at the number of children placed here, it comes to about 20 per cent of the private fostering services for the whole of England. That's a huge amount and if you look at areas like Cliftonville it's evident."

"I'd like to see a more radical, aggressive approach in Thanet, with a public-housing company set up."

"Tinkering on the edges is not working. We need to stop placing disadvantaged people in the poorest

communities. And if that does happen, there need to be financial sanctions."

"There are some great people in Thanet, it's a great place, but if we are serious about changing it for the better we have to go back to first principle,

good-quality housing, good-quality education and good-quality leisure."

"If you have that you will change the population profile because you will attract people."

But Clive Hart, the Labour group leader in Thanet, said: "Mr Gilroy raises points here that I talked about for years as a county councillor and it's interesting that now he is leaving he agreed that this is the case."

"I'm not saying it's a turnaround, but I raised the neglect of Thanet at meeting after meeting."

"KCC focuses on children too much when the problem is much wider, with ex-offenders, drug addicts and people with mental health problems sent from other parts of Kent - it wasn't just London. We have been used as a dumping ground."



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Airport crash van ended on its roof

A VAN crashed through the perimeter fence of Kent International Airport at Manston on Thursday night last week and ended up on its roof.

Police were called to the scene at 11.35pm after reports of an accident on the coastbound A299 near Monkton.

A spokeswoman said there was no one with the van when emergency services arrived but an injured man was later located at an address in Ramsgate.

Ambulance crews took him to hospital in Margate as a precaution.

Matt Clarke, chief executive of KIA, said staff had to take extra security precautions.

He said: "If the fence is breached, the damaged section is manned until it is fully repaired, which is standard practice at all airports."

• A 27-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of drink-driving and bailed until Friday, November 27.

Proud Sea Cadets in Trafalgar Parade

MARGATE will play host to hundreds of Sea Cadets when the annual Trafalgar Parade comes to town.

The event, on Sunday, October 11, is to commemorate the date in 1805 when Nelson defeated the Spanish and French fleets off Trafalgar in Spain.

The East Kent district of the cadets will gather for a parade through town at 1pm before an inspection by Dick Tapp, a Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, and the Mayor of Margate, Ted Watt-Ruffell, outside the council offices in Cecil Street.

They will then march to a service of remembrance at St John's Church.

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In for a penny as elderly back community toilets

■ BY TOM BETTS

A SCHEME that could see the isle's pubs, cafés and restaurants allow public access to their toilets is gaining momentum, with Thanet council considering the proposal.

The community toilets scheme has been adopted by authorities such as the London Borough of Richmond.

It has proved so successful that the Thanet Senior Citizens' Forum believes that it could work here on the isle.

In the scheme, places such as pubs, cafés and libraries are given a yearly sum to open up their toilets. In Richmond the figure is £600, with public liability insurance paid for by the authority.

When the toilets are opened, a sticker is put in the door of the venue to notify the public that

they are welcome to use the facilities.

Forum member Jaye Jones, from Margate, said: "This is a problem for the elderly – some have to plan their journeys from one toilet to the next, which many people don't really think about."

"I didn't until I joined the forum. The scheme is something the council should really consider."

Barry Coppock, the chairman of the forum and a former leader of Thanet council, said: "Local authorities do not have to provide toilets, so when budgets get tight one of the things they cut out is public toilets."



BARRY COPPOCK: Toilet plan

"They can be expensive to maintain due to vandalism and over the years Thanet council has certainly closed some. We're now down to the last ones."

Thanet council closed four public toilets earlier this year, to a chorus of criticism. Three were later reopened.

Mr Coppock said: "In an area like ours, with the high percentage of elderly residents, it would be beneficial to get involved with such a scheme. A lot of people would support it. I would be interested to hear what people think, especially those who own businesses which might take part."

A Thanet council official said: "The council is considering a community toilet scheme, such as the one in Richmond, after the council was contacted by the Senior Citizens' Forum. A paper will be considered by the overview and scrutiny panel at its next meeting."

She added: "For the size of our area, from checks we have made, we still provide more toilets than almost any other district council."

JACK AND BILLY-RAY DO ISLE PROUD



It's a proud moment for Jack Sears-Stewart as he receives an award for bravery from Glan Hopkin at the Spirit of Try Angle awards ceremony at the Ashford International Hotel.

He and Billy-Ray Palmer were the isle's two winners in the annual event.

Jack, 15, from Ramsgate, suffers from two rare conditions and has undergone many tests, scans and biopsies which led to the conclusion that his only hope for successful long-term treatment was a double transplant.

The bullying he endured as a result of his illness also meant that he missed out on his education and having friends during his first years at school.

Despite this, Jack has a great attitude towards his school work, even completing some of his GCSE work early and getting excellent grades. He continues to face the world positively and represents the school at chess, rugby and other sports.

Billy-Ray, 13, from Broadstairs picked up his award for the Personal Achievement in Sport category. Billy-Ray shows immense dedication to his swimming club and is up at 5am every morning to train for two hours before school, returning after school to continue.

Most weekends are taken up with training or competitions, but he still works hard at school and even got the lead role in the school production of Oliver! last year.

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Warm tributes after tragic loss of 'amazing' son

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE grieving family of a teenager who died after being hit by a car have described him as a "phenomenal and wonderful person".

The mother and father of 17-year-old Christopher Allum have paid warm tributes to a "very happy" young man who was "always smiling" and "always willing to help other pupils and friends".

The St Lawrence College student was struck by a black Vauxhall Corsa in Holly Road, Ramsgate, on Saturday, September 19, and died later that day in hospital.

His mother, Zoe Law, from Faversham, said: "Christopher was a unique human being who will be very much missed by us all and he leaves behind him a massive void that will never be filled.

"He had an amazing sense of humour and had us in stitches on a regular basis."

Christopher also leaves behind brother Philip and sister Rachel, both 15, and father George, a police officer based at Margate police station.

Christopher started his education at St Mary's School, Faversham, and then went on to St Lawrence College.

His ambition was to become a car designer as cars were his passion and he liked R'n'B music.

He had passed his driving test, both theory and practical, in just two weeks and was serious enough about his driving to have also completed the Pass Plus scheme.

Zoe said: "Every time my heart beats I miss him. When we feel low he will be there to encourage us, I know.

"We would like to say thank you to the pupils and staff at St Lawrence College for all the care they have given Chris over the years and now for their support of his family.

"Also, thank you to everyone for the fantastic and touching tributes they have made to him.

"I don't think Chris actually realised how



MUCH-LOVED: Family and friends have paid warm tributes to Christopher Allum, 'a lovely young man'

much he touched the hearts of so many people. It gives us strength and confirms everything we feel for Christopher.

"We are so privileged to have been blessed to be the parents of such an amazing, charming and significant boy.

"His brother and sister sorely miss their special big brother and take solace in the fact that he was an inspiration to them."

His father, George, said: "All Chris's family are devastated at his loss. We were all so very proud of the lovely, caring young man Chris was growing into.

"We would like to say thank you to the emergency services and hospital staff and those people in Holly Road who tried to save him. We have been overwhelmed by the sympathy and support shown by friends and colleagues."

An inquest was opened and adjourned into Christopher's death on Tuesday last week.

'Memorial to the fallen should also honour our recent heroes'

AN EXTENSION to a war memorial in Margate could commemorate those who have been killed in recent conflicts.

Mayor of Margate Ted Watt-Ruffell is keen to see the memory of those who died in wars honoured on two new plinths in Trinity Square.

Cllr Watt-Ruffell, who served with the Royal Marines for six years, said: "It's important to show recognition to those men and women who lost their lives in more recent conflicts.

"We're seeking public opinion as to the style this will take, whether it is an addition to the memorial, a new memorial, or a plaque in a different location."

Hundreds of names are engraved on the town's war memorial, but space for 60 more could be created. The last addition to the memorial was in 1984, on behalf of a family

who had a loved one killed in Northern Ireland.

Cllr Watt-Ruffell, whose son, Grantley, is serving with the Royal Logistics Corps in Afghanistan, said: "Once we have a clear view of what the public would like, we will then move on to phase two, which will involve costing the project.

"The memorial was paid for by public donation and we will be asking people in the borough to assist with fund-raising."

Margate Civic Society says it will support the project with research and contacts to try to include as many names as possible.

New names of fallen soldiers can be submitted by post to the Mayor's Parlour, Old Town Hall, Market Street, Margate, CT9 1EU. Alternatively, email cheryl@margate.org.uk and provide as much detail as possible.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Beach assault case closed

TWO people arrested on suspicion of sexually assaulting a woman on a Broadstairs beach have been released without charge and the investigation brought to a close.

The 17-year-old boy and 20-year-old man from Margate were released at the weekend.

The woman reported that she had been assaulted in the early hours of Sunday, September 6, at Viking Bay.

A police spokeswoman said: "We would like to thank the public for its response to the reported incident. An extensive inquiry by the major crime department has been conducted.

"Witnesses on the beach during the evening who saw the woman have been interviewed and have provided useful information, which has been reviewed in conjunction with the woman's account.

"The inquiry has been concluded at the present time. If any further information or evidence is received, it will be revisited."

Dead terrier found by cliff

RSPCA inspectors are investigating after a dead dog was found at the bottom of a cliff near Fifth Avenue, Cliftonville.

It was discovered during the early hours of Monday last week.

The body of the Staffordshire bull-terrier was seen by a walker who contacted the animal welfare charity.

Inspector Charlotte Eyden said: "We would like to hear from anyone who knows who this dog belonged to.

"We don't yet know if she was alive when thrown from the cliff, but anyone with information can contact us in confidence."

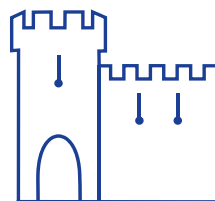
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Mayor to open new BHS

THE new isle branch of department store BHS will open on Thursday, October 8.

The high-street retailer, also known as British Home Stores, has moved into a new unit at Westwood, just over the road from Westwood Cross and next to the new Brantano shoe store.

Broadstairs and St Peters Town Mayor Mave Saunders and her escort, David Saunders, will attend the opening, which is due to take place at 9am so a full day's trading can be completed.



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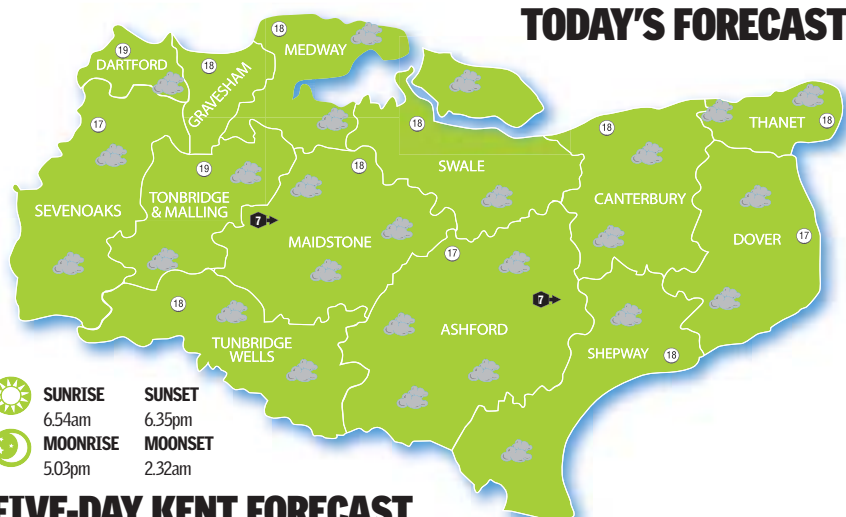
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Crate full of art translates into a series of exhibitions

AN ARTS organisation in Margate has won financial backing for its idea to help artists stage exhibitions in the town.

Crate has received support from Arts Council England and Kent County Council.

The group has appealed nationally for artists to submit their own exhibition ideas to Crate's Open Submission Selection Panel.

Isle-based artist Matthew de Pulford, who works from his studio in Margate, has been awarded Crate's first bursary for his idea.



IDEAS: Matthew De Pulford will be the first artist to exhibit

He will put on a series of exhibitions of contemporary art called Bad Translation.

It will commence with a solo exhibition featuring the work of James Howard on Friday, October 9.

He said: "I think they liked my idea because it looks at how artists can work with people and ideas from other fields, from literature to skateboarding."

"Crate is an organisation run by artists who want to provide Margate with a venue where creativity can develop in new ways."

"The artists I've already invited are all very keen to work in Margate. The programme will also include collaborations with local groups and organisations, including Margate's Shell Grotto and Road Kill fanzine."

"I hope to attract people from Margate and the surrounding area to the events."

The exhibitions will be staged at Crate's studio block off the High Street. More information is available at <http://cratespace.co.uk>.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

ANDY CADIER



Q Tell us something about yourself

A I was born during the war in October 1943 in Gravesend. My mother lived in Grays in Essex and my father died of cancer when I was nine. After an unspectacular schooling, at 16 I joined the catering unit of the RAF and became an apprentice chef.

I worked at military bases, including two-and-a-half years in Cyprus. It was while there that I helped produce some sponsored fund-raising sketches which were broadcast by the British Forces Broadcasting Service to raise money for the Wireless For The Blind Fund.

Having visited the BFBS studio and been very impressed, I used every excuse to visit the station. I did try to get myself seconded to the forces radio, but they would not accept people without relevant experience.

The problem was how do you get experience? In those days there were no media courses. I came back to the UK in 1965 and heard Radio Caroline and Radio London, known as Big L, and thought I would just love to be on something like that, but clearly they would want experienced people, too.

Anyway, I took a huge gamble and purchased my discharge from the Royal Air Force.

Luck was on my side as I heard some test transmissions being made by Radio Essex on 222 metres medium-wave from a small fort-based pirate coming from Knock John Tower in the Thames and sent them a tape of me.

Q How did you first become involved in pirate radio?

A I was invited to attend an interview with the owner of Radio Essex at Southend-on-Sea. While being interviewed, I was asked what I did for a living and replied that I was a chef at a Folkestone hotel. I never realised that in these small stations everyone needed to be multi-skilled – it was run on a shoe-string – and my cooking ability plus my DJing was just what they needed. It was just days later I found myself being literally hauled up on to their sea-based gun emplacement which served as a base for the radio station.

Q What kind of music did you broadcast on your show?

A On Radio Essex we played pop music at night as the leader stations closed around midnight. However, during the day it was middle-of-the-road music directed at housewives, playing the like of Frank Sinatra and Perry Como. I later moved to Radio 355, which was much more powerful and played a choice of soft pop, rather similar to BBC Radio 2 nowadays. Then on Radio Caroline it was mostly the top 40 charts, known as the Caroline Countdown of Sound.

Q What was the most enjoyable part of what you did then?

A I certainly enjoyed the music – what a way to earn a living – but it was the communi-

cation aspect which gave me the biggest buzz. We used to get letters from all over the place – it's hard to explain now, with radio stations all over the dial. They were telling us how they appreciated what we were doing, particularly in the face of threats by the Government to close down the pirate stations.

Q What was the highlight of your pirate radio DJ career?

A I suppose it was on August 14, 1967, when I arrived on the MV Caroline, the very ship I had heard broadcasting back in 1965. It was an experience beyond my wildest dreams.

Q Tell us about the role Folkestone played in the history of pirate radio.

A Folkestone was used by Radio Invicta, a station based on Redsands Fort off Whitstable.

After increased investment, this became the popular Radio 390. Offices were originally at Oxford House behind the Odeon Cinema in Oxford Terrace, but now demolished. Later offices were located at Queens House on the corner of Sandgate Road and Guildhall Street.

Years later the Grand (then a hotel) opened up a disco called Seventies in the basement – most of the audio equipment was ex-pirate radio gear.

Sadly, I never worked for either Radio Invicta or Radio 390, even though they were virtually on my doorstep.

Q & A

The former pirate radio DJ, who lives in Folkestone, spoke to **James Alexandre** about how his career as a chef in the RAF led to his first experience of the airwaves and changed the course of his future

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Former addict has turned his life around and is helping others trapped by drugs

'If I can keep one person out of prison, it will be worth it'

Drug addiction's link to crimes committed to pay for the habit is well known. Darren Dilloway has served time in prison for drug offences but now works with the police and drug agencies to help people trapped by addiction. As part of our A Safer Kent campaign, taking a behind-the-scenes look at the work of Kent Police, **TOM BETTS** meets a man who has been on both sides of the system.



TURNING your life around when you are fighting a £100-a-day drug habit is no easy task, but Darren Dilloway is living proof that it can be done.

At the peak of his addiction, Darren was living in a nightmare, flitting between prison and hostels, with a spate of convictions, heroin overdoses and near-death experiences under his belt.

He was losing the battle and thinks would be dead by now if he hadn't finally decided to try to escape and salvage something from life.

He said: "At one point I would honestly rather have been in prison than free. You get three meals a day, have no bills to pay and are looked after in a way."

Darren, 34, grew up in the Medway towns of Gillingham and Chatham and found himself in trouble with the police in his early teens.

He dabbled with drugs such as cannabis, ecstasy, cocaine and LSD before an addiction to speed got the better of him and he started stealing to pay for his habit.

Skipping school, unemployment, hanging around aimlessly and car-crime became the norm and he soon found himself inside, where he first took heroin.

"Many people start to do it when they go inside as a 'bird-killer', to pass the time quicker, and when I got out I realised I was addicted," he said.

Years of addiction followed, with crack joining heroin on his daily wish-list.

He said: "All that interested me each day was getting money to buy drugs, taking drugs and everything that went with it. I knew the risks, but still I'd have tried anything. I was stuck in a vicious circle."

Talking about his crimes, he said: "The worst thing I've done is street robberies and burglaries."

"At one point I wouldn't think anything of breaking into four or five houses a day at the peak of my addiction. It didn't occur to me that there were victims – you don't really think like that."

However, after he last came out of prison, for a garage robbery, Darren decided he had to make a change.



DARREN DILLOWAY: 'I was stuck in a vicious circle'

He said: "It had got to the point where I was sick of it. I decided I could beat it, but even now it's an ongoing thing. I know that I could walk out of here and have the drugs I wanted in my

hand in an hour, it's that easy. I have to take each day as it comes."

Making the break with his old life and many old friends and acquaintances was part of the process. "I have had to take myself away from my old life and isolate myself from a lot of people," he said.

Darren has been clean for 18 months and has carved himself a new life. He has successfully completed a rehabilitation requirement and day programme and is facing the future with a renewed sense of hope.

Now he is volunteering and helping others with their drug problems and has managed to get himself a flat in Gillingham to start a new life.

Support

Eventually he hopes to get a job as a drug support worker, helping young people understand what a life as a drug addict can be like.

He said: "I want my story to be out there as it can show people they can turn their lives around."

"It's hard and you have to be ready and stable in life, but it is possible. If I can keep one person out of prison it will have been worth it."

Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley, who is in charge of the Medway area for Kent Police, arrested Darren when he was causing trouble and has seen him start to turn his life around.

"I am delighted Darren is helping to stop others turning to crime," said Chief Supt Corbishley.

"He can talk to offenders and potential offenders in language they understand, and get across the message that crime really does not pay."



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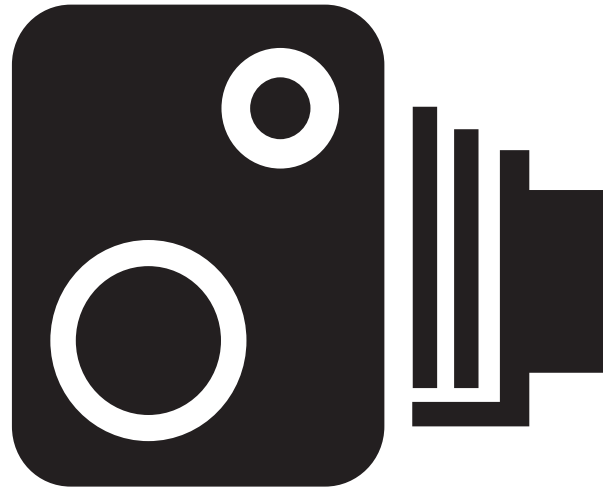
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Watery web will catch flytippers

■ BY ANNA WHITE

KENT has become the first county in the UK to use a hi-tech forensic marker spray to catch and deter flytippers.

SmartWater is a permanent and invisible marking tool that is mainly used to protect property, but Clean Kent has now become the first agency to use the tool in this innovative way.

The Clean Kent campaign is a multi-agency project led by Kent County Council in partnership with district and borough councils, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Highways Agency and the Environmental Agency.

With help from former BBC TV Watchdog presenter Nicky Campbell, who now presents the breakfast show on Radio 5, the agencies demonstrated at Maidstone Studios how SmartWater will play a crucial part in the ongoing campaign to crack down on flytipping in Kent.

Residents will be able to spray SmartWater on household waste before it is disposed of. If it is then found illegally dumped, officers can detect SmartWater using ultraviolet light and trace it back to the trader responsible.

The invisible coding spray will remain on any object permanently, even if it is burnt, making it possible to trace the waste back to



SMART MOVE: From left, Clean Kent coordinator Melanie Price, radio presenter Nicky Campbell, Kent Fire and Rescue Service assistant director of community safety Steve Griffiths and SmartWater chief executive Phil Cleary

flytippers trying to cover their tracks. Clean Kent co-ordinator at KCC, Melanie Price, said: "SmartWater has been used throughout the country, and globally, to mark property, but we have been innovative enough to come up with this unique way of using it to deter flytipping. "Because it is invisible there is no way a

trader could know if they are dumping unmarked waste illegally or marked waste.

"We are hoping the risk will deter them and reduce fly-tipping in Kent."

SmartWater chief executive Phil Cleary, whose brother invented the product, said: "The use of SmartWater will help reinforce the mes-



BRIGHT IDEA: SmartWater shows up under UV light

sage to criminals that Kent is now a no-go zone for flytippers.

"Through SmartWater, Clean Kent will have the technology to pursue convictions and will actively do so.

"SmartWater maintains a 100 per cent conviction rate when used as evidence in court, which will send a strong message to anyone considering flytipping."

The scheme is being piloted in the Swale and Sevenoaks areas first before it is rolled out to the rest of Kent.

People found guilty of flytipping can face prison sentences of up to five years or a maximum fine of £50,000.

Railway offer 'staycationers' ride to rescue

TOURISM bosses have revealed a 14 per cent increase in the number of visitors to the Garden of England so far this year.

Visit Kent said families had been flocking to attractions such as Leeds Castle and Howletts and Port Lympne wild animal parks after a summer promotion in conjunction with train company Southeastern.

Figures from the tourism partnership show that 2,534,491 visitors came to Kent between January and July this year, compared with 2,227,083 in 2008.

The 2FOR1 promotion, which is continuing until March 2010, is available at more than 70 attractions, hotels and restaurants across Kent. Visitors have to present a valid rail ticket from anywhere in Southeastern's network along with a voucher downloaded from the campaign's website or from promotional brochures at railway stations.

More than 3,000 vouchers have been downloaded and it is hoped at least 5,000 will be redeemed before the end of the promotion.

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive

of Visit Kent, said: "People are looking for value for money and a good deal and this offer represents that. They are top attractions in Kent – restaurants, hotels, places to visit – so it's a very compelling offer.

"We are convinced this campaign has made a contribution to the positive picture."

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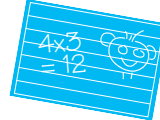


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BREAK TIME

X marks the spot for year six pupils

WITH politicians concentrating on party conferences and debating the date for the general election, youngsters in Ramsgate are also about to hit the campaign trail.

Elections for head-boy and head-girl at Newington Community Primary School get under way in early October.

Nominations are being made and year six pupils will vote for a shortlist of five.

Those pupils will then hit the Newington election trail in earnest, preparing speeches and designing campaign material.

Thanet South MP Dr Steve Ladyman and Newington ward district councillors Richard Nicholson and Mike Harrison, who is chairman of the governors, have been invited to watch the campaign.

Elected

They will pass on tips and inspire candidates in their bids to get elected.

Candidates will tour the playground to meet the voters and take part in question-and-answer sessions in classes.

Polling day will be Friday, October 16, when every pupil and staff member will cast their votes. The results will be revealed the following Monday.

Head-teacher Cliff Stokes said: "Our head-boy and head-girl will be elected as part of a democratic process and they will play an important role in school life until July, acting as a link between pupils and staff, and greeting guests at public functions."

"We believe it is important for pupils to understand how democracy works and the relevance of it within our school and the wider community."

We have the technology

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE Charles Dickens School in Broadstairs has signalled its commitment to pupils by signing up to a new technology charter.

It pledges to improve the way technology is used to enhance learning. The school is supporting the Next Generation Learning Charter, which has been launched by Becta, the Government's agency for technology in education.

This means the school is leading the way in improving learning through the use of technology, including computers and laptops, during lessons.

A spokesman said: "There is strong evidence to show that when technology is used effectively in schools, it can motivate and excite pupils and raise attainment."

Over the coming months the school will be using the self-review framework. This is an online tool designed to help review technology use in a structured way which will help to in-

form the overall school improvement strategy.

This will lead to Becta's ICT Mark, the national standard in the use of technology across all aspects of school life, including student assessment, teaching and learning, staff development, leadership and management.

Head-teacher Andrew Olsson said: "We have been at the leading edge of technology in teaching for years. With this scheme we can take learning to a new level."

"The charter will enable us to take opportunities creatively to encourage proactive learning and raise the aspirations of our students."

"Already 93 per cent of our students go on to further education and we believe that figure will continue to rise."

"It will encourage teachers to think differently about how they deliver technology, with the accent on personalised learning."

"The charter is a brilliant way for us to show pupils, parents and the community that we

are committed to using ICT in the best way that we can."

Stephen Crowne, chief executive of Becta, said: "Technology in the classroom is no longer a distant dream. It is part of everyday life and schools need to ensure they don't get left behind."

"The charter will help thousands of schools develop their use of technology, so we will have a world-class education system where all young people are inspired and motivated."

The Charles Dickens School is also progressing well with the first part of its multi-million-pound expansion programme under the Building Schools For The Future programme.

A new complex for art, music and modern languages featuring hi-tech resources is scheduled to open in February.

Mr Olsson said: "Our school is developing rapidly to meet the challenges and opportunities created as education changes, with a raft of new diplomas coming online to augment vocational and academic qualifications."



You're all right, Jack

PRIORY Infant School pupil Jack Salmon likes to make waves.

The six-year-old from Ramsgate is keen on all watersports and particularly loves kayaking.

Jack (left) is often seen powering through the surf at Ramsgate's main beach and is taking his family's interest in the sport seriously.

His aunt, Amy Dane, is a teacher at a watersports centre and he is following in her wake by showing a talent for watersports.

He has become adept at kayaking and owns several canoes.

At the centre he will learn about water safety and how to right himself in a capsized kayak.

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A PETITION was organised recently to 'save' Albion House. All very worthy and supportable. But effective? Probably not.

The district council owns that property and can effectively do what it likes with it. It has chosen to let the building rot. But more of that later.

I believe that Ramsgate Town Council can save the building. It can buy it outright, at a discounted price, to allow for the years of neglect by the present owner, Thanet council.

But what would we do with it?

I have undergone several Damascene conversions over the past five years. So it is with Albion House. I did go on record, when I was organising the parish petition, as saying it ought to be the home of the new Ramsgate Town Council. And so it has become.

Now I have moved on because I thought it was right to do so. I still think that Albion House ought to be bought by the town council for the people of Ramsgate and held in trust – but instead turned into our town museum.

It should be restored to what it would have looked like when Princess Victoria stayed there in the 1830s. It would be a great tourist

attraction. We could ask the Queen to donate or lend some of her ancestor's furniture and artwork currently gathering dust in storage. The top floor could be converted into a flat for a curator.

Ramsgate Town Council and offices should be housed in the town itself, where it would be more accessible. It could also host the Tourist Information Centre and other town-related offices, partnerships and so on.

In this way costs could be minimised – or a profit made for rate-payers. The beautiful and iconic Custom House would be ideal.

Which brings me back to rotting buildings.

Antony Swain, heritage architect for Margate Old Town, told me years ago that he begged Thanet council to save the old (17th- and 18th-century) buildings in Ramsgate's York Street before they fell down. The council ignored his authoritative pleas.

Similarly, I begged the district council in 2004 to do something about the Royal Victoria Pavilion (casino) as Rank, the tenant, was neglecting it. Only now is Thanet council acting.

And of course let's not forget poor, falling-down West Cliff Hall (Thanet council-owned). Custom House has also been badly neglected.

All along the seafront, from the Royal Victoria Pavilion to what was once the Marina swimming pool, wantonly neglected and demolished by Thanet council and now an under-used car park, we have dilapidation, neglect or holes in the ground or cliff-face.

The only culprit behind this appalling state of affairs was and is Thanet council.

Yet, in a monumental piece of hypocrisy, at least to my eyes and perhaps yours, it has voted to compulsorily purchase 1, The Marina, Marine Esplanade, from its owner, at minimum compensation, because it wants the partially-demolished building restored exactly as was.

Never mind that the building had been falling down for 20 years before the developer bought it in 2007 and that the district council did nothing to force the previous owner to make good.

I wish I could have forced a compulsory purchase order on Thanet council and the other neglectful owners, at minimum compensation, who, for some reason, seem to escape so lightly.

I wish Thanet council could be subjected to a searching public inquiry into its handling of these matters.

But it won't be, more's the pity.

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JASON HALL

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YOUR LETTERS

Why we must act to clean the Stour

The Environment Agency has indicated that the River Stour estuary and Pegwell Bay, plus the Stour upstream to above Ashford, is among the lowest two per cent of river sections for water quality.

At times of low rainfall, up to 70 per cent of the water in the mid-Stour between Ashford and Canterbury has passed through the Ashford sewage plant.

Chemicals such as oestrogen are not filtered out and they severely affect wildlife.

Similarly, the River Medway has badly polluted stretches. The Government is committed to the target of 95 per cent of rivers meeting European 'good' or 'very good' standards by 2015, but it will have its work cut out to achieve this.

Factors affecting pollution of rivers in Kent and Medway include sewage run-off, reduced summer rainfall, poor farming practices and the heavy demand for drinking water.

If we don't clean up the rivers, a variety of species will be damaged or will not return to our rivers. This would include otters, kingfishers and water voles.

KCC needs to adjust the Kent environment strategy and use available resources to assist in the clean-up of our rivers.

The cost of meeting standards for England and Wales would be about £9 billion. This is a price we should pay to conserve wildlife.

Geoff Meaden
Green Party



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Tug of the forelock for our noble Lady

Can I be the first to write and congratulate Lady Sandra Hart

on her ennoblement.

The recent Labour leaflet which announces Sandra as a potential candidate in the forthcoming by-election also gives her the title Lady, though she is clearly too modest to have

told us all before of her lineage. Whatever the world of politics brings to Lady Sandra, it will be nothing compared with that moment when hairdressing was recognised as the leading public service in Cliftonville.

I can only stand by in amazement and offer my congratulations to the Lady and her ability to combine the duties of the House of Lords with running a salon, supporting her husband's somewhat lesser career and local Labour Party politics.

Makes one wonder what the claim of being rooted in local community really means in such circumstances, though, doesn't it?

Chris Wells
Broadstairs

Isn't such scrutiny your job, Cllr Dean?

The appeal by Liberal Democrat group leader Trudy Dean for the public's help in cutting KCC's services shows with startling clarity the dangers the people of Kent face now there is no real challenge and scrutiny of Kent's Conservative regime.

Cllr Dean, as chairman of KCC's scrutiny committee, asks the taxpayers of Kent to let her "know of examples where the county council wastes money".

But taxpayers are equally entitled to ask her why, as chairman of the cabinet scrutiny committee, she cannot identify the areas of waste herself.

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campaign of cuts.

Perhaps if Cllr Dean had been able to attend just a few more of the cabinet scrutiny committee's agenda-setting meetings over the last eight years she might have had a better knowledge of the areas of waste and the areas of need.

Mike Eddy (Labour)
Dover district councillor

It's terrible to lose touch with reality

The BBC is like Woolworths: forgettable in large part. Like other aged institutions, it has lost touch with reality, cushioned as it is by public finance.

Woolworths was missed for sentimental reasons, replaced in Sidcup by a busy, popular 99p shop. Customers of discounters have to be discerning, but generally most benefit from 99p stores, whereas Woolworths stock failed to excite.

The whole Government paraphernalia, including the BBC, fails to contribute to the nation in today's harsh climate. It must give back when our need is greater than its.

Rita Grootendorst
by email

Proof that where there's a wheel...

I would like to thank everyone who went to the Minnis Bay event held in aid of the Wheels For Ralph appeal on Sunday, September 20.

I am grateful to Thanet council chairwoman Margaret Sheldrick for opening the event and to the talented performers who took part, as well as our hard-working stewards and technical team who made the event possible.

It raised a nice sum for the appeal and was supported by Birchington Village Partnership, together with the Ramsgate Bandstand Group, Westgate Pavilion, Alpha Carpets and Zapp productions.

John Worrow
Birchington Village Partnership

Our friends in the Great North Run

I am writing to thank our runners for taking part in this year's Great North Run and to all readers who supported them.

The event raised thousands for World Cancer Research Fund's

research and education into the link between lifestyle and cancer.

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Natalie Tarrant
World Cancer Research Fund

Government must grasp the M.E. nettle

As the debate on assisted suicide moves on, let's not forget Pamela Weston, the latest Briton to take her life at Dignitas.

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The public events get under way on Friday night with an English barn dance in the Moulton Hall, with music from Geckoes, pictured below inset, and the festival continues with

a tempting array of activities and entertainment.

Visitors can even enjoy performances on the move as dance sides, musicians and singers visit the Kent & East Sussex Railway.

This year's highlights include two special shows featuring regional folk songs and music.

The music of Kent is celebrated on Saturday in Oyster Girls and Hovelling Boys, which features performances by local musicians such as Brian Peters, main picture below, Marian Button, Pete Castle, Bob Kenward and Roger Resch, Dave Mason, The Millen Family and Andy

Turner. The show is named after a recently released CD, the third volume in a series of albums of songs from the county.

During the show, the audience will hear unaccompanied ballads, songs sung with a guitar or accordion accompaniment, a Kentish poem and tunes on the concertina.

Although many of the acts are well-known names on the local folk scene, the audience will also meet Dave Mason, a young poet from Tenterden who wrote The Kentish Woman's Way. There will also be a performance by Betherdsen farming clan The Millen Family, who still cherish a long-standing singing tradition.

At the end of the show, which takes place in the Saddlery at the side of the White Lion at 6pm, all the artists will join in a rendition of The Whitstable May Song.

The second special concert will be held in the Evans Bar of the Tenterden Club at 1.30pm on Sunday, when Wiltshire songs will be performed in Sing the Year Round.

Tinkers Bag will be providing the entertainment, singing the songs that have been enjoyed at concerts and folk clubs in Wiltshire and beyond.

With their vast array of instruments, from melodeons and bouzouki to kazoo and the shaky egg, the group of friends draw on their established repertoire and also present some brand new songs.

These are just a few of the numerous concerts and events on offer, so pick up a programme or visit the website at www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk to browse the full festival listings.

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THE HAMSTERS

Friday, October 2
The Westcoast, Margate

FUR will fly at The Westcoast this week as The Hamsters play in Margate for the first time in four years.

After 23 years on the music scene, the bluesy Americana band are recognised as one of the most hard-working, dedicated outfits in the industry.

They have performed more than 4,000 concerts and manage a mailing list of more than 20,000 fans, while Top Gear magazine decided they would be the ultimate reviewers for in-car entertainment because they were always travelling.

Taking their name from a pseudonym used by the Sex Pistols, the band have become the UK's leading blues-rock attraction. Along with their own material, they are renowned for their interpretations of the music of Jimi Hendrix and ZZ Top.



Their famous fans include former Formula One world champion Damon Hill, while music oracles Bob Harris and Johnny Walker have also sung the band's praises. Their track Taxi Driver, from the latest album Open

All Hours, is included in Classic Rock magazine's 100 Blues Anthems.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £12. For more information, phone 07967 028844 or visit www.westcoastlive.co.uk.

AN EVENING WITH FRANK AND DEAN

Friday, October 2
Granville Theatre, Ramsgate

and this concert will re-create those halcyon days.

The show will also feature a tribute to Barbara Streisand, performed by Julie Copeland.

With her talent and charisma, Copeland has achieved the tough task of re-creating Streisand's captivating act, as enjoyed by fans when she was the headline at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Music will be provided by Manhattan Swing, one of the UK's leading modern big bands. The line-up features musicians who have appeared internationally with the BBC Big Band, the Syd Lawrence Orchestra, Jools Holland and more.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15/£14. To book, phone the box office on 01843 591750.



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THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE

Monday, October 5, to
Wednesday, October 7
Central Theatre, Chatham

DARK comedy, melodrama and tragedy combine in the multi-award-winning play, The Beauty Queen of Leenane.

Set in the Irish backwaters of County Galway, Martin McDonagh's acclaimed story introduces us to Maureen, a plain 40-year-old whose lonely existence revolves around caring for her manipulative elderly mother, Mag.

When two men visit their cottage, bringing with them Maureen's first and last chance of a loving relationship, Mag does her best to spoil her daughter's prospects. But her interference sets in



motion a chain of events that will lead to a terrifying finale. The Beauty Queen of Leenane was first performed in 1996 as a Druid Theatre and Royal Court Theatre co-production and soon attracted a host of accolades.

McDonagh won the Evening Standard Award for Most Promising Playwright before seeing the play trans-

fer to Broadway, where it was nominated for six Tony Awards.

The play contains strong language and the recommended lower age limit is 14.

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The play is at Birchington Village Centre at 7.30pm on Saturday and 2.30pm on Sunday. Tickets cost £10/£9; to book, phone 0800 781 3452.

It will be a classical evening at theatre

MUSIC by Bach, Beethoven, Messiaen, Ravel and Debussy can be heard at the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs on Saturday.

Pianist Patrick Dunn is experienced in the professional music world.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8/£4. Call 0845 262 6263. Non-members of Sarah Thorne Theatre Club must book 24 hours in advance.

If the glass slipper fits, better get to auditions

CHILDREN are invited to tread the boards with professionals in Cinderella, the Granville Theatre's pantomime.

Performers aged from six to 18 can take part in the auditions at the Ramsgate theatre from 2pm on Saturday, when each child will sing a song and dance. They should bring a photo and CV.

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CELEBRATE the season by joining a harvest supper at the parish hall in High Street, St Lawrence, this weekend.

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Ozzy Osbourne will be rocking Bluewater

THE Prince of Darkness visits Bluewater this weekend to sign copies of his new autobiography *I Am Ozzy*.

An unmistakable rock star and television personality, Ozzy Osbourne has lived an extraordinary life and his story should make remarkable reading. He will be making an appearance at Waterstone's at 1pm on Saturday.

I Am Ozzy, priced at £20, is published by Sphere tomorrow. For more details about the event, phone 01322 624831.

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Hosted by Spanish sparkling wine-maker Codorniu, the event will be led by flamboyant TV wine expert Joe Wadsack.

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The humble origin of a highly-evolved career

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

PAUL Bettany has been wowing theatre-goers and independent movie fans for years, but it took his buttock-baring turn as Chaucer in *A Knight's Tale* for Hollywood bigwigs to sit up and take notice.

He now cites roles in *The Da Vinci Code* and Oscar-winning movies *A Beautiful Mind*, where he met his wife Jennifer Connelly, and *Master And Commander* among his impressive resume. But his latest role has proved his most daunting yet.

In *Creation*, Bettany plays the revolutionary scientist Charles Darwin, author of arguably the most explosive book in history, *On the Origin of Species*.

Published 150 years ago, the book was a culmination of more than 20 years of research inspired by his travels as a young man.

In the work, he revealed a scientific explanation for the diversity of species, including the evolution of man, and forever changed the way we view our place in the world.

Creation is based upon *Annie's Box*, a book written by Darwin's great-great grandson, Randal Keynes.

In it, we see Darwin as a young and vibrant family man – albeit one whose mental and physical health gradually buckles under the weight of guilt and grief for a lost child, his beloved ten-year-old daughter, Annie.

A man torn between his love for his deeply religious wife and his own growing belief in a world where God has no place, Darwin even wrote that by effectively 'killing' God he felt like he was "confessing a murder".

So there's much to talk about as I prepare to interview the 38-year-old actor. Opening a



GHOST: Paul Bettany shadowed Charles Darwin's actual footsteps during the filming at Down House

door, I step into a grand but dimly-lit room. There is shelf upon shelf of books but no sign of Mr Bettany, so I take a seat and only then do I notice the soles of two feet hanging off the end of a line of chairs.

"Um... Paul," the PR says gently and a rather tired looking Bettany pops his head up.

It turns out Bettany is feeling rather poorly but, ever the professional, he takes his seat under the spotlight and ploughs on.

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His blue eyes may look slightly glassy but even in this exhausted state, Bettany still makes a striking figure. Tall and slim, his hair shaved for a film role but it only maximises his razor-sharp cheekbones.

"Darwin's a bit of a hero of mine. I think he was an extraordinarily brave human being," he says in quiet but well-spoken words. "I like the idea of a person who is a social conservative having this revolutionary idea."

He felt particularly close to his character while filming at Darwin's actual home, Down House in Kent: "It was beautiful. I am not particularly sentimental but I was really moved. I found it extraordinary to walk that walk where a great deal of his thinking was done. You felt a bit like a ghost for a second."

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US band set to make odd name for themselves in UK



NAME OF THE GAME: LA-based rock band Upsilon Acrux will be playing with Honey Ride Me a Goat and The Laze at the Tap'n'Tin, Chatham, as part of their European tour

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

UNWRITTEN rule of rock, number 117: all instrumental bands must have an absurdly obscure name.

Notable non-lyric outfits include Ozric Tentacles, Mogwai – who took their moniker from the Cantonese for ghost or devil – and more recently 65daysofstatic.

Continuing the trend are Los Angeles rockers Upsilon Acrux, who play at the Tap'n'Tin, Chatham, tomorrow night.

The avant-garde five-piece's Kent gig will also be their first in the UK and comes halfway through their debut European tour.

With the band rumoured to make this their first and last tour outside the US, a

TAP'N'TIN LINE-UP

Upsilon Acrux, The Laze and Honey Ride Me a Goat

spokesman for promoter Kitchen Dweller Records urged post-punk fans to grab the opportunity to see them live.

He said: "They are one of the most creative and original of the great post-punk, avant-garde rock bands today and are regulars of the now legendary Smell venue in LA.

Legendary

"They've just released their sixth album of explosive, intense and beautiful instrumental rock on the Cuneiform record label.

"They continue to develop their uncompro-

mising sound and intense live shows with such acts as The Boredoms, Mission of Burma, The Locust, Don Caballero, Dillinger Escape Plan, Hella and Lightning Bolt.

"Don't miss this rare opportunity to see one of Upsilon Acrux's legendary live performances in the UK."

Support on the night comes from established Kent instrumentalists Honey Ride Me a Goat and Merseyside-based rockers The Laze.

A special commemorative split vinyl record, featuring Upsilon Acrux and Honey Ride Me a Goat, containing new material from both bands will be available on the night.

The first five people who send an email to mail@kitchendweller.com will also receive free tickets to the show.

Doors open at 8pm, with the first band set to take to the stage an hour later. Entry costs £3.

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No time to sleep when in Seattle

■ BY TOM MORGAN

SEATTLE, it is said, is a city where salmon swim upstream in the middle of town and bald eagles share the sky with aeroplanes.

Our whistle-stop tour of the entire state began in the city, whose defining landmark – despite the tourist information pack's vision of spawning fish and rare birds of prey – is probably the Space Needle building, which dwarfs all that it surrounds.

However, it's the 100-year-old Pike Place Market, a bustling food centre near the city's harbour, that gives the region its lifeblood.

Bustling food stalls are often the most photogenic of settings, but this one is an assault on the senses, with vivid colours, eardrum-bursting shrieks from market traders and smells that linger across the city. From elite restaurants frequented by Hollywood star Robin Williams to market stalls lined with bargains, it is a veritable feast for even the most demanding foodie.

Even when you leave the city, you needn't look far for your next bite. Surrounded by a fishing harbour and vast fertile countryside within an hour's drive, it is not hard to see how Pike Place became a success.

Located in the Pacific Northwest, Seattle is surrounded on all sides by the windswept waters of Puget Sound.

Touring could not be easier, with boat cruises, open-top buses and monorails among the options. A favourite, if somewhat indulgent, choice is a short sightseeing flight with Kenmore Air (www.kenmoreair.com).

The trip takes you across the surprisingly Metropolis-like city towards the sprawling millionaire waterfront pads, including Bill Gates' extravagant home.



STUNNING VIEW: From the sprawl of the city to countryside explorations, there's lots to keep you busy in Seattle

And tourists who can tear themselves away from the city are also in for a pleasant surprise. Washington State, blessed with spectacular natural assets, has added to its lure by offering an enticing combination of fine local wine and produce.

We travelled to the town of Spokane on a short internal flight and stayed in the welcoming boutique setting of Hotel Lusso. After an artery-busting breakfast on a train carriage at Frank's Diner, our escape to the countryside was welcome.

Talk to anyone in rural Washington, and they are likely to bend your ear about wine.

The region struggles to compete commercially with California, but locals are tremendously proud of their vineyards, which have almost

doubled in size during the past five years.

Tasting trips can take you to Richland and Walla Walla, where you will drink more than enough to make you an overnight connoisseur.

After the fine wines and fresh local produce, including spectacular cheeses, you will be more than ready for a little exercise.

Our solution was to take to the water in kayaks. The instructor from Spokane's Parks and Recreation (tel: +001 509 625 6200) who guided us through the idyllic Little Spokane River, was as calm as the tranquil waters we followed downstream.

With the sun beating down on us, we barely realised we had passed an entire afternoon as we paddled our way through the region's rich, lush grassland.

FACT FILE: WASHINGTON STATE

Time difference	- 8 hours (GMT)
Capital	Olympia
Language	English
Population	About 6.6 million
Currency	£1 = approx US \$1.6
Religion	Christian
Largest city	Seattle

Travel facts

• Tom Morgan was a guest of Seattle and Washington State Tourism, and flew with KLM from London. KLM flies daily ex-Heathrow to Seattle from £419 return. KLM reservations: 0871 222 7474 and www.klm.com.

• Tour operators to the region include Bon Voyage, which offers ten-night fly-drives from £629 for October 2009-May 2010 departures, including flights and car hire.

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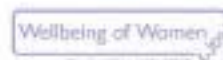
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

HOLE IN THE WALL BBC1, 5.45pm, Saturday

I COULDN'T quite believe my ears when I heard that Hole In The Wall was returning to our screens for another run.

I'll always remember where I was when I heard the news, just like some people can remember where they were when they heard JFK had been shot.

Yes, I was at home watching telly, wondering how we had arrived at this point.

To sum up, HITW is a show so dumb that it gives dumber-down a bad name.

Teams of celebrity nonentities clad themselves in silver skin-tight Lycra suits and stupid-coloured bicycle helmets and try to adopt a shape that has been cut out of a giant wall as it approaches them.

If they succeed in forming the shape, the wall passes over them, to much cheering and whooping, but if they fail they are knocked into a pool of water, to even more whooping and cheering from the audience.

Yes, it's really that stupid and juvenile and the attire leaves little to the imagination.

Why this stupid nonsense has been recommissioned is a mystery to me and someone at the BBC should be fayed in public.

Granted, it's only supposed to be a bit of light fun, but the contestants seem to take it all far too seriously.

They come across as desperate losers who will gladly humiliate themselves if it means appearing on telly to boost their profile in some small way.

Former host Dale Winton has departed and been replaced by Strictly Come Dancing star, and previous series team captain, Anton du Beke, who has the charisma of a bluebottle.



FILLING A GAP: Former team captain Anton Du Beke takes over as host of Hole In The Wall

The change is the TV equivalent of swapping a reliable Vauxhall Vectra for a Skoda, but Anton looks happy enough to escape wearing the silver suit on a weekly basis and bounces around the set like a village idiot.

If the punishment for failure was more exciting than simply seeing someone toppled into a glorified swimming pool, this would be much more entertaining.

In my dreams the whooping and cheering on Extreme Hole In The Wall would be justified.

Joe Swash's failure to complete a wall would result with him being plunged into a vat of boiling acid, while Vanessa Feltz's misery would be compounded with being knocked into a snake-pit filled with king cobras.

Sadly, though, that could be a wall too far for Saturday tea-time, and that is a real shame.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
GETTING in shape should be your first order of business this week. If you look good physically it will give you the confidence to make your move. If you are single, you'll soon find a lover once you shed those extra pounds. Fortunately, your willpower is at an all-time high.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
BE direct with the object of your affection. Playing cat and mouse games will just annoy them. Fortunately, you've got plenty of sex appeal and will have no trouble catching their eye. If you're in a relationship, you have an opportunity to rekindle the passion that first drew you together.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
KEEP your career plans secret. A high paying job is about to open, and it could be tailor-made for you. The fewer people who know about this opportunity the easier it will be for you to get it. Don't be afraid to press your case for a higher salary than you are initially offered.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
A DESIRE for travel could prompt you to step out of your comfort zone. Fortunately, a friend is happy to tag along on this journey. Although this trip will be enjoyable, you will have to be tough every once in a while. Being an outsider is never easy.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
YOUR power packed sex drive prompts you to go for gold and try to net someone sexy. The quickest way into their heart is through their mind. Find out what their hobbies are. Read their favourite books and watch their top films. Take up a sport or activity they enjoy.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
A MONEYMAKING opportunity should prompt you into action. The competition will be fierce, but you will emerge as the top candidate. That's because you've got a complex calculating mind. You can process information and come up with analysis that puts everyone to shame.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
IT'S easy to win people to your side, thanks to your winning personality. Making changes to an outmoded system is possible, thanks to your ability to rally the troops. Approach the person in charge with humour. If they feel like they're being attacked they'll dig their heels in big time.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
DON'T be bashful about your passion for a certain subject. Some may accuse you of being a geek, and maybe they're right, but there are worse things to be. Discussing your obsession may encourage others to admit their fascination with the same subject.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
REARRANGING your domestic schedule will make you more productive in every way. Recently, you've taken charge of everything, mostly because you work fast and don't dilly dally. Be brave and delegate duties to relatives and roommates. Don't fret over the cost.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
NORMALLY you think twice about plunging into new situations, but now you won't be able to stop yourself. Follow your impulses, no matter where they lead. If you lock eyes with someone sexy, be sure to ask for a date. The two of you will form an immediate connection.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
YOU have to be very sneaky about your career ambitions. A high-powered position is opening up, but if people think you are a contender they'll try to undermine your confidence. Be gentle as a dove and wise as a serpent. Gather as much information as you can about the job.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
YOU will be the one who has to make the first move in a relationship. The object of your affection is too shy to approach you. Fortunately, you won't have much trouble striking up a conversation. The two of you have many interests in common, as well as similar ethics.

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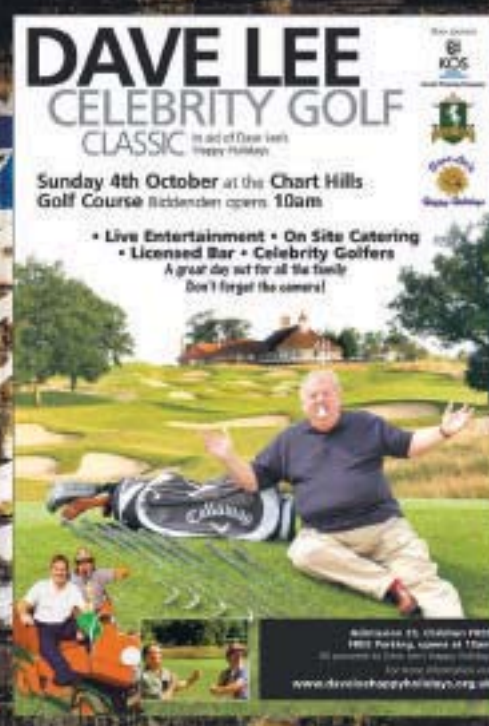
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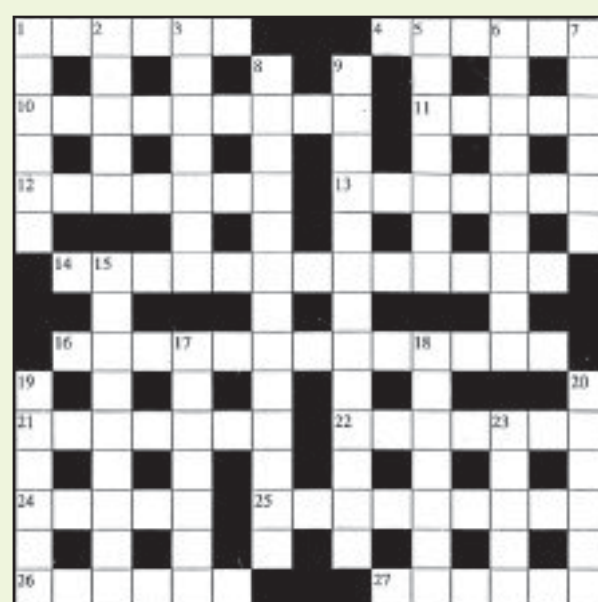
ACROSS

- 1 Distant gambling game played very loudly (3-3)
- 4 Commander takes director to port in Morocco (6)
- 10 Preserve indeed found in lake in Wales, it's a spicy dish (9)
- 11 Outsize vehicle's statuette (5)
- 12 One came from in France inside to world of scholars (7)
- 13 Again adjust one's sight and force US into manoeuvres (7)
- 14 Successful sowers hope to do this eventually (4,3,6)
- 16 Sudden fall of rain (1,3)
- 21 Gold fish first, it is flat on top (7)
- 22 Book 1 study of law first (7)
- 24 Glacial ridge in The Skerries (5)
- 25 Current father? (9)
- 26 Beating concealment (6)
- 27 Pope troubled by the French (6)

DOWN

- 1 Islander naïf about jibe, not half included (6)
- 2 One of two bachelors leaving cake for dance (5)
- 3 A bursting into flames during outbreak of violence (5-2)
- 5 Quite a number with virtuous fellow we brought up (4,3)
- 6 Goods badly cracked on the turn (4-5)
- 7 Most unusual Sartre novel (6)
- 8 Commit oneself to dive (4,3,6)
- 9 Strange tribal reaction to military bluster (5-8)
- 15 Listener noticed that it had been put on one side (9)
- 17 Band opposing Ronald, revolutionary leader (7)
- 18 Nails, say, for nothing without VAT? (3-4)
- 19 Address for delivery (6)
- 20 Wrong amount ruefully included (6)
- 23 Upset, having got the chop? (3-2)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Tull, English agriculturist (6)
- 4 and Hyde (6)
- 10 Musical note (9)
- 11 Anaesthetic (5)
- 12 In place (anag.) (7)
- 13 In progress (2,5)
- 14 Echidna (5,8)
- 16 Set in one's ways (4-2-3-4)
- 21 Soulful person (7)
- 22 Old-fashioned (7)
- 24 Garishness (5)
- 25 Overtax one's strength (9)
- 26 Oil-carrying vessel (6)
- 27 African fly (6)

DOWN

- 1 Hebrew patriarch (6)
- 2 Sri Lankan language (5)
- 3 Cross the (7)
- 5 Agamemnon's daughter (7)
- 6 Sailors' chant (2-5-2)
- 7 Ruling (anag.) (6)
- 8 Rebirth (1,3)
- 9 State of exalted happiness (7,6)
- 15 Doctor (9)
- 17 Fine rain (7)
- 18 Give evidence (7)
- 19 Meatball (6)
- 20 Water heater (6)
- 23 Pursuit (5)

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BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...
Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walks, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 ① ②

IS ANYONE OUT THERE?

Old easygoing, independent female, WLTm cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879931 ① ②

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 ①

HOISTES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 ①

GOOD LUCK CHARM

Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, Tennis and cycling, WLTm similar male in his 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712 ①

A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 ① ②

HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 ① ②

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 ①

SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoying cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447695 ①

SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 ①

STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378 ①

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 ①

SOMETHING LASTING

Professional single mum, 37, own home, looking for a man for friendship, hopefully a permanent relationship. Hailsham Box 455221 ①

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Honest and caring woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding. Maidstone. Box 456159 ①

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Curvy single mum, 38, 5ft7, romantic, loyal, loving and genuine, likes swimming, theatre, live music, dining out, seeking a LTR with a like-minded male. Rochester Box 458866 ①

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Happy but shy girl of 37, loves all the normal things in life, seeks a mature guy, hoping for something lasting and meaningful. Bexhill-on-Sea. Box 452424 ①

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 ①

LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 ① ②

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Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 ①

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, cinema, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 ① ②

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Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, outgoing, fun-loving, professional, looking for white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 ①

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident once-known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 ①

RECIPE FOR ROMANCE

Single mother, recently separated, 41, 5ft9, slim, blonde/blue eyes, WLTm fun loving man with GSOH, someone honest and genuine. I love cooking, cycling, outdoors. Folkestone. Box 457913 ①

JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 ① ②

SMILE!

Looking for a fun-loving guy for a LTR. I'm 41, works as a dental nurse, easy to get on with, always up for fun times. Sittingbourne Box 454827 ①

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Lovely, fun and caring brunette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving, WLTm a gent to socialise with. Tunbridge Wells Box 878250 ① ②

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Audrey here, I live in Seaford and WLTm caring man. I'm fun loving, loyal, honest, adventurous and love animals, cooking, music, film, countryside. Box 872159 ①

LET'S DATE!

Hard-working woman, 42, WLTm a nice and caring man to date and be happy with. Herne Bay Box 455327 ①

LOVE IS ALL AROUND

Happy-go-lucky, bubbly blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley Box 454517 ①

HELLO EVERYONE!

Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTm a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford Box 454569 ①

ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic fun loving mum, 42, 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair, hazel eyes, WLTm honest, fun, mixed race/black gent, for lasting relationship. Box 451819 ① ②

TALL ORDER

Curvy lady, 5ft9, 43yrs old, blonde hair/green eyes. I live in Deal in Kent, I'm down-to-earth and like being out and about. Box 456020 ①

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 ①

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 ①

SWEET AS HONEY

Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 54" age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing. Looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465 ①

LOVE TO MEET YOU

Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464 ①

RECIPE FOR ROMANCE

GSOH, honest, romantic and reliable woman, 45, dark blonde hair/blue eyes. WLTm honest and reliable man 40-55. I like reading, cooking, walks, theatre, animals. Box 457521 ①

STARTING OVER

Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach. WLTm a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 878141 ① ②

COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 ①

FROM THIS MOMENT

Young-looking 40yr old female, 5ft4, slim, N/S, affectionate, loyal and caring, looking for a male, 40-45, N/S, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford. Box 454591 ①

HEART AND SOUL

Easy-going single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 454176 ①

FANCY A DRINK?

Hi, I'm June, 47, bubbly, loving. Looking for a trustworthy guy for a relationship. I enjoy walks, car-boots, travelling and sharing a bottle of red. Box 878294 ①

MY PRINCE?

Not-just-for-xmas dog lover, into sports, walks, motorbikes, GSOH, female, 47, pretty, long dark hair, looking for knight in shining armour! East Sussex area. Box 872361 ①

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 ①

ETERNALLY YOURS

Easygoing woman, likes most things in life; country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5ft2, medium build. WLTm genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635 ①

SAY YES!

Funny lady, 48, looking for tattooed hippy/biker/metal type to relieve the boredom. Must enjoy cat cuddling and have own chocolate because I never share! Box 878407 ①

A BETTER TOMORROW

Young 50, slim, non-smoker, female, auburn hair. Seeking a companion to make a new start with. I'm in Dover and enjoy countryside, walks, good food/wine. Box 458847 ①

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 ①

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Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 45-55. Hastings Box 417100 ①

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Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old lady in East Sussex, a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410 ①

MOVING ON

Blonde, blue-eyed solvent female, 54, home/car, young-looking, enjoys travel, dining out, conversation, swimming anything social! Seeking a like-minded man for a loving relationship. Eastbourne. Box 877161 ①

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE

Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTm similar loving male. Box 443642 ①

TALL & SLIM

Sociable female, 54, tall & slim, short dark hair, green eyes, love gardening, walks, reading, visiting country pubs, dining out. WLTm a like-minded gent. Box 456504 ①

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863 ① ②

GREETINGS!

Carters! Lady, 56 seeking special genuine, fun loving gent, 50-60, to enjoy life with and share interests such as walking, cinema, theatre, dining out, holidays. Box 873039 ①

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 ①

DREAMS OF YOU

Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448566 ①

NEVER TOO LATE

Hello, I'm Betty, 62, cuddly widow, 5ft5, brown hair/brown eyes, GSOH and love life, seeking a like-minded gent for companionship and more. Box 452329 ①

TIME ON MY HANDS

Hi I'm Maureen, 62, slim, 5ft2, short brown hair, never act my age! Love Motown, parks, beaches and homey life, seeks fun-loving gent. Tunbridge Wells. Box 458750 ①

LOTS OF TLC TO GIVE

Happy-go-lucky lady, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walking and holidays abroad, looking for a like-minded male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 452897 ①

TALL ORDER

Attractive blonde, 60's, with a young outlook on life, slim build, likes animals, walking, meals, looking for a tall man for friendship, possible LTR. Hastings. Box 456604 ①

Women seeking women

YOU READY FOR THIS?

Tall, blonde lady, 43, 5'7", loves rock music and her dog, looking for a fun lady who has an adventurous side. Gillingham. Box 458471 ①

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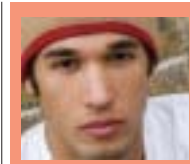
Hello there, I'm Heather, 46, kind and caring, looking for a similar soulmate. Seaford Box 454133 ①

NO SECRETS

Genuine, kind, reliable and caring lady, 46, looking for a lady who is exactly as she seems, honest and caring. Box 458390 ①

HOPE YOU'RE OUT THERE?

Sincere female, 49, likes football, animals, country pursuits, seeks feminine woman for friendship, maybe more. Gillingham Box 456805 ①



MEN seeking women

HAPPY CHAPPY

Hi I'm a happy-go-lucky man, 33, a plumber, enjoy life and everything in it. I'm fit and active and seeking the same in a woman. Box 452394 ①

TABLE FOR 2?

Warm hearted and athletic looking man, 34, 5ft11, dark brown hair, brown eyes, looking for a strong friendship, possibly intimate relationship. Box 871685 ①

LOVE ME TENDER

Fun-loving honest guy, 34, 5ft11, brown hair, seeking honest, caring female for friendship, maybe leading to honest, tender relationship. Eastbourne. Box 446200 ① ②

BOTTLE OF WINE

Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165 ① ②

SOMEONE LIKE YOU

Nice upbeat male, 37, likes horse riding, cycling, social events; seeks similar person to meet for special connection. Tunbridge Wells. Box 458732 ①

DO I ATTRACT YOU?

Happy go lucky single dad, 40, looking for a slim female, -size 12, to share good times and happiness with. Hurlton. Box 457738 ①

BROWN EYED MAM

Love-mad man, 40, likes playing darts, WLTm bubbly, fun to be with lady to go on dates with and get to know better. Dover Box 456129 ①

IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS

Loving and caring male, 40, 5ft8, medium build

Still the nation of gazumpers

■ BY NICK AMES

A STUDY has found that gazumping continues to be a significant issue in the UK property market.

Despite the slow sales that have been such a feature of the property downturn, more than one person in 10 who responded to a question about sales being hijacked at the last minute said they had been a victim of such actions.

And more than one in five said that if the opportunity arose for them to pursue a last-minute sale at the expense of another purchaser, they would do so without taking anyone else's feelings into consideration.

Gazumping happens when someone makes an offer on a property that is agreed to, only for someone to come in at the last minute and make the purchase with a higher offer.

It works because any agreement between buyer and seller is not recognised in law until a contract has been signed.

It is the period between when an offer is made and when a contract is signed that creates room for gazumping, with the original buyer losing out if they will not beat the later offer.

The figures mean home-buyers could be forking out up to £290 million annually in pointless surveys, searches and lawyers' fees when they are gazumped at the last hurdle, according to a new study from leading independent personal finance website Fool.co.uk.



BAD NEWS DAY: Research shows that one in five of us are happy to shatter the dreams of other home-buyers

From a survey of 2,000 of its readers, Fool.co.uk – which was looking at malpractice within the industry – found that 12 per cent had been gazumped over the past year.

More startlingly, 22 per cent revealed they

would attempt to gazump a sale if they could, and the property were desirable enough, with 11 per cent describing it as a “necessary evil”.

Gazumping is especially a problem for first-time buyers, who are unlikely to have the

available capital to match a gazumping bid, especially when more than 10 per cent of the UK property market is now powered by buy-to-let operations with deeper pockets.

According to Alison Hunt at Fool.co.uk, there are some basic steps that a buyer can attempt to make to prevent gazumping:

1. Insist the property is removed from the market.
2. Sell your property before buying another.
3. Exchange contracts as quickly as possible.
4. Maintain a good relationship with the seller.

5. Work with agents on an exclusive basis.

In the meantime, buyers are warned to be aware of the risk of being gazumped, though as house prices stall, and sales volume stalls, property-buyers may be increasingly less likely to suffer from being gazumped.

David Kuo, head of personal finance at Fool.co.uk, said: “For many people, the purchase of a house will probably be the biggest single acquisition they will ever make.

“It can take months of searching to find the ideal home and anything that dashes the dream can be emotionally draining, especially if it is the result of being gazumped.

“But it's not only emotions that get hurt when you are gazumped – finances can take a battering, too.

“Consequently, it is important to minimise the chances of being gazumped, though it is not possible to eliminate the risk completely.

“It is sometimes said that gazumping is the price we pay for free-market competition.”

PROPERTY NEWS

Confidence grows as investors back property

ALMOST half of UK consumers believe that buying property is the best way to invest money.

In a study by Scottish Widows, 48 per cent of those polled said investing in property was the best way to maximise returns on hard-earned cash.

This figure is a significant increase on 12 months ago, when just 28 per cent of those surveyed cited property as the best choice of investment.

Commenting on the results, Jason Butler of Bloomsbury Financial Planning said investors should avoid “backing one horse”, adding that there was no such thing as a “best investment”.

He acknowledged that many investors “want to invest in [property] over and above other investments”.

However, he warned that investors looking to build their property portfolio should proceed with caution because the property market fluctuated depending on the borrowing options available.

Lower deposit boost for FTBs

FIRST-TIME buyers will be happy to learn that mortgage-lenders are now asking for lower deposits.

According to Mortgageforce, the average deposit required in August was 21.25 per cent – down from 25 per cent the previous month.

The move is regarded as a sign that confidence is returning after months of gloom.

Katie Tucker, Mortgageforce technical manager, said: “More generous deals are available – the ongoing stability of house prices reduces the risk of negative equity and reposessions that lenders are keen to avoid, so we should see more accommodating terms.”

However, Ms Tucker also advises borrowers to be clear about the difference between ‘discount’ and ‘tracker’ loans, explaining that discount rates do not follow the base rate.

They are instead linked to bank and building society standard variable rates, which can be changed at the lender's whim.

In related news, prospective buyers should be aware that from January next year, stamp duty will be reintroduced on properties over £125,000.

This time last year, the Government opted to increase the stamp duty threshold from £125,000 to £175,000.

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WESTGATE-ON-SEA £159,000

TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM GARDEN FLAT WITH STUNNING SEA VIEWS!

This two bedroom garden flat is located in one of Westgate most sought after areas within only 100 yds of the beach and quarter of a mile of the local shops, train station and amenities. This property offers generous size living accommodation comprising two double bedrooms, 16' living room with direct sea views, 11'5" kitchen, spacious bathroom, off street parking and use of the beautifully maintained communal garden. Though this property does require updating.



Westbrook £490,000

EXECUTIVE FAMILY HOME BY THE SEA!

This beautifully presented family home is within only 500 yards of the picturesque beach and cliff top walks. Arranged over two floors and comprises two reception rooms including a 33'10" Lounge/diner, 27' family room, 19'4" bespoke fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, 22'10" conservatory and a cloakroom W.C. On the first floor level there is a family bathroom and four generous size bedrooms, with two boasting private balconies.



Margate £230,000

FOUR BEDROOM FAMILY HOME!

This delightful four bedroom semi detached family home within only a quarter a mile radius of the beach, park and train station. This property offers generous size living accommodation comprising 35'7" lounge/diner, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom/w.c., four bedrooms and a well appointed family bathroom. This home also benefits from a detached garage, off street parking, front and rear gardens and gas central heating.



Westgate-on-Sea £100,000

PERFECT FIRST TIME BUY OR BUY TO LET!!

This bright and spacious two bedroom apartment situated on the first floor of this early Victorian property. Situated in the popular residential area of Ethelbert Terrace in Westgate and within easy reach of the train station, local amenities and the sandy beaches. The flat benefits from two double bedrooms, a lounge, a kitchen and family bathroom.



Westgate on Sea £110,000 OIEO

YOUR IDEAL HOLIDAY HOME

This two bedroom apartment is set in the ever popular St Mildreds Court, ideally located approximately 50 metres from the sandy beaches and within 200 metres of Westgate's canopy covered shops. This apartment offers 21' lounge, two bedrooms, fitted kitchen, bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating and many original features.



Westgate £99,000

HOW TO GET ONTO THE PROPERTY LADDER

A delightful and spacious one bedroom first floor apartment conveniently located to local shops and amenities. Also within 100 metres of the sandy beaches and promenade walks at St Mildreds Bay, this makes the location very desirable. The property comprises one double bedroom, spacious lounge, kitchen / breakfast room and shower room.



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A freehold commercial premises with accommodation over situated within one of Westgate-on-Sea's main shopping parades. The ground floor is presently arranged as office accommodation with a total floor area of approximately 1200sqft (111m2). Located on the upper floor levels are two flats.



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Cliftonville Reduced To £329,000

THE PERFECT LOCATION.....

The current vendors of this property have improved this home without compromise - offering comfortable and well proportioned living accommodation over two floors with some of the benefits including four double bedrooms, a triple aspect lounge, a quality fitted kitchen opening into a hardwood conservatory, a large block paved driveway and attractive urban style gardens to three sides.



Garlinge £159,995

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BAUNGALOW WITH NO FORWARD CHAIN!

This lovely semi detached bungalow is situated in the popular residential area of Garlinge within close proximity to the local shops and amenities. This home offers well proportioned accommodation comprising 16' lounge, two double bedrooms, Kitchen, bathroom and separate w.c. Outside this property boasts a garage, driveway for 3/4 cars and lovingly cared fore front and rear gardens.



Westbrook £190,000

LOOKING FOR A PROJECT?

This detached bungalow is set on a corner plot and located in a residential area in Westbrook. Offered with VACANT POSSESSION, this property would benefit from some internal updating but has great potential of becoming a lovely home. The property comprises two double bedrooms, lounge, kitchen / diner, bathroom, separate w.c., garage, driveway and 50' x 25' rear garden.



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This handsome 1920's detached house is situated in a highly regarded Avenue just off of the town and offers spacious family living with a contemporary twist. This house is perfect for a family who want comfortable living and be close to the town, beaches and schools. There are Art Deco style fireplaces in most of the rooms, along with stripped wood floors, high skirting and original leaded light windows.



Ramsgate £199,500

YOUR IDEAL NEXT STEP ON THE PROPERTY LADDER

This semi detached house is located in the St Lawrence Chase development and is within easy reach of Ramsgate train station. Comprising three bedrooms, family bathroom, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, kitchen / diner, pretty and secluded rear garden and off road parking for two cars and with no forward chain, this property would be an ideal family home or investment.



Broadstairs £875,000

SPACE & LOCATION - JUST WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

This individually designed Art Deco detached residence has a commanding position towards the end of a long private driveway and boasts attractive views over the rugby ground and along the highly regarded Callis Court Road area of Broadstairs. Step inside to appreciate the space - five bedrooms & five reception rooms along with two large gardens & roof terrace.



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This immaculately presented and spacious detached residence is situated in the much sought after location of Foreland Heights. This beautiful home offers really light and contemporary living comprising five double bedrooms, family bathroom, two ensuite shower rooms, lounge, dining room, large family kitchen, utility room, study, highly manicured gardens to three sides, double garage and block paved driveway.



Ramsgate £210,000

TRULY INDIVIDUAL

A unique opportunity to acquire this charming Grade II Listed property, which is set in the picturesque grounds of King George VI Park. This ideal second home or retirement property is offered to the market with no forward chain and comprises two double bedrooms, family bathroom, lounge / diner, kitchen / diner and rear courtyard garden.



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St Peters Reduced To £140,000

YOUR PERFECT CONTEMPORARY APARTMENT

This top floor apartment is within easy access to Broadstairs High Street with local transport links nearby. An ideal first time buy, investment or holiday home this property comprises two double bedrooms, one with ensuite, separate bathroom, lounge / diner, fitted kitchen, covered allocated parking, lift, balcony and manicured communal gardens.



Broadstairs £305,000

THE PERFECT FAMILY HOME

This detached house is situated in one of Broadstairs' most sought after locations, a quiet cul-de-sac just off Park Avenue. An ideal family home, this property offers spacious accommodation over two floors and comprises four bedrooms, family bathroom, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, dining room, sun room, kitchen, conservatory, pretty and secluded rear gardens and a garage.



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Broadstairs £650,000

DO NOT MISS THIS.....

Shore House is a detached residence which is on the prestigious North Foreland Private Estate. Located in Cliff Road, this home has been refurbished by the current owners and comprises four double bedrooms, ensuite to master, bathroom, hallway, lounge, kitchen / diner, dining room, utility room, separate cloakroom, approximately 90' rear garden and a double garage.



Broadstairs £500,000

A BEAUTIFUL HOME WITH A SEPARATE ANNEXE.....

This detached residence commands a large plot in the highly regarded Park Avenue area of Broadstairs and is offered with no forward chain. This property offers substantial family sized accommodation including a self contained two bedroom annexe. There are beautiful gardens, mature lawns, a pond and established shrubs, with the rear garden being approx 100' x 100'.



Kingsgate Reduced To £320,000

GREAT LOCATION.....

This detached bungalow is situated within a short distance to the picturesque bays, golf course and promenade walks along the coast. This bungalow has further potential and comprises four bedrooms, two bathrooms, an 'L' shaped lounge / dining room, a spacious conservatory, fitted kitchen and utility room, a double garage and a large L shaped rear garden.



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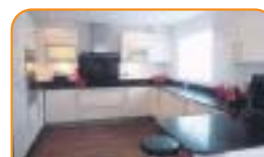
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- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
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- 2 Double Bedroom 1st Floor Apartment
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- Excellent Order Throughout



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- Highly Sought After Area



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- Large Family Size Garden
- Well Presented & Vacant Possession



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- Terrific family home with no chain!
- Large character accommodation including 5 beds
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Margate Old Town

- Stunning 4 Bedroom Detached House
- Excellent Specification
- Garage, En-suite, Gym Room & Private Gated Driveway

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Birchington

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- Popular 2 bed home with some DG and heating
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Manston

- Rural location, 2 beds
- Good size plot with swimming pool
- Offering no chain!

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Broadstairs

- Super size semi!
- Thoughtfully extended family home
- 3 beds, 2 receptions and 2 bathrooms

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Margate

- Four bedrooms, games room
- End of terrace double fronted house
- Chain free sale

.....**£170,000**



Birchington

- Great size family home in central location
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Birchington

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Birchington

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- 4 Beds Mstr en-suite, Dble garage
- large Conservatory

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- No Onward Chain

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 • Upstairs Bathroom, Separate WC,
 • Garage and Driveway, No Forward Chain.
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Ramsgate Price Range | £145,000 - £165,000
 • 3 Bedroom mid-terraced House
 • Popular 'Saints' location, 14' Kitchen
 • No Onward Chain Complications
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Westgate On Sea Price Range | £110,000 - £130,000
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MOTORS NEWS



Baby Land Rover given the green light to roll

LAND Rover has confirmed it will press the production button on its exciting LRX concept (pictured) – it goes on sale in 2011.

Billed as the “smallest, lightest and most efficient vehicle” LR has ever produced, it will slot in below the current Freelander and is tipped to offer greener technologies including a hybrid powertrain option. It will also guarantee the future of the newly-formed Jaguar Land Rover group's production plant at Halewood, Merseyside.



Hybrids can be fun as Peugeot aims to show

PEUGEOT is not only readying a diesel-electric hybrid for sale, but also pitching the idea that hybrids can be fun.

The type will debut in the French marque's new Nissan Qashqai-bashing 3008, launched initially in conventional mode next month, but the RCZ Coupé hybrid concept spin-off pictured here raises the pulse more than most hybrids.

It has 200bhp from electrically driven rear wheels and a diesel front end, yet averages nearly 80mpg and evades road tax with just 95g/km of CO2 emissions.



Focus wins again – this time as star used buy

BRITAIN'S best-selling motor has also won a major accolade from the influential What Car? Used Car of the Year 2009 awards.

The Ford Focus, in 1.6 Zetec Climate form, took the 'best small family car' title for its economy and reputation for reliability. The judging panel said: “There's good head and legroom in the front and back, and room for five people. The boot is a generous size and easy to load; fold down the rear seats and you can move masses of stuff.”



DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION: Launched in 2003, the current 5-Series styling remains controversial, however BMW's big seller handles beautifully and continues to tick the right boxes

BMW star continues to wear badge with pride

FOR years, the BMW 5-Series held pride of place in the management suite. But a new recruit with a familiar name has upset the seating plan.

This upstart is Jaguar's stunning new XF and, all of a sudden, even the big selling BMW 520d – the number one aspirational manager's motor, which outsells all other 5-Series models put together – looks like history... Or does it?

Launched in 2003, current 5-Series styling remains controversial and, while this has helped maintain freshness, previews of a looming replacement suggest a comeback for BMW conservatism.

Whatever you think of the car's looks though, the proof of the pudding is in the eating and summarised by a car loving mate of mine who described his 520d as: “The best bloody company car I've ever had”; this from someone who has enjoyed a succession of six-cylinder Audis and BMWs, including a much missed previous generation 523i.

My overriding impression was the 520d's ability to cope with everything thrown at it thanks to an engine that pulls like a train

ROAD TEST BMW 5-SERIES

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

when needed, while sipping fuel when driven sensibly, all helped by a beautifully weighted six-speed gearbox.

A mid-life facelift added some of BMW's EfficientDynamics technology; energy recovery from braking now tops-up the battery to prevent the alternator sapping engine power.

As usual, official fuel figures are optimistic, but averaging nearly 50mpg is not unreasonable unless you exploit the engine's low-mid range punch and amazing poise for such a big car (0-62mph in 8.3 seconds); balance and economy is helped by all-aluminium bodywork ahead of the windscreen. It will hustle along country lanes making about as much fuss as it does when quietly cruising motorways.

The cabin is spacious and typically well-arranged, if clinical, and now features a more user-friendly sounds/navigation/technology interface than on launch models.

Leather is a £1,340 'must have' extra to an otherwise attractive £27,430 price for an entry level 5-Series that is a long way from petrol 518i 'poverty spec' models of past generations, when snobby company car users would ask for the boot badge to be deleted from their order – '520d', on the other hand, may be worn with pride.



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AS more people downsize their car, fuel and road tax bills, chances are that one or all of the following popular used superminis will be on their shopping list. Year in, year out they are the UK's most consistent best-sellers – a growing trend in the current economic climate. The trio are also excellent all-rounders, but a word of warning: second-hand car prices are robust at present so don't pay more than it would cost to keep your old car longer or trade up to a new car.

FORD FIESTA



FORD'S hugely successful supermini has marched on with a new model launched in late 2008, but don't expect weaker used prices; the credit crunch, rising fuel prices and draconian road taxes have made the Fiesta a top target for its reliability, decent driving experience, engines to suit all pockets and three and five-door body styles. Ford has also regularly produced special and limited editions laden with extra goodies, offering plenty more choice – there's even a hot ST model.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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STRUGGLING: Tom Tsangarides (right) and Andy Hadden in action during Saturday's defeat

Grim start to season gets grimmer for Rams

Ramsgate 1 Dulwich Hamlet 3

RAMSGATE'S poor form at Southwood continued as they were undone by set pieces against Dulwich Hamlet on Saturday.

Gary Mickelborough scored a late consolation for the Rams, but it could not prevent a third successive defeat in front of their home fans.

It left them 15th in the early Ryman South table despite playing more games than the majority of the division.

Following a tight opening 45 minutes, all the action happened in the second half.

FOOTBALL

The game was decided by two near identical Dulwich corners either side of the hour mark, both scored by Osa Obamwonyi.

The first came on 53 minutes after James Gregory had turned Alex Tiesse's cross behind. Luke Hickie's centre was whipped in and perfect for Obamwonyi to nod in at the near post.

The lead was doubled nine minutes later with the same two players again combining to good effect. This time the set-piece came to

the back post, but Rams goalkeeper Sam Mott was beaten again.

Rams boss Jim Ward reacted by throwing on Simon Pettit and Kenny Pratt in place of Ben Laslett and Warren Schulz, but it had little tangible effect.

As the game ticked into stoppage time, Dulwich extended their lead when Hickie burst through the hosts' defence before unleashing an angled drive past Mott.

Mickelborough restored some semblance of pride to the scoreline when he won and converted a penalty in the 95th-minute for his fifth goal of the season.

Reserves get VCD in first round of cup

RAMSGATE'S reserves begin their campaign for the Kent Intermediate Cup with their first round tie this weekend.

The Rams have been drawn away to VCD Athletic in one of eight ties this Saturday. The winners will go on to play either Thamesmead Town or Herne Bay in the next round.

Margate are already out of the competition following a 3-1 defeat to Lordswood earlier this month.

The Blues' reserves have this weekend off and are not in action again until October 10, when they host high-flying Herne Bay in Kent League Division One.

The Blues' second string are yet to register a point after three successive defeats so far this term.

Picture ADY KERRY



HOSTS: Kent will play Pakistan at St Lawrence

Test warm-up for Pakistan at Kent

THE St Lawrence Ground will host a three-day game against Pakistan next summer.

The reigning world Twenty20 champions will play Kent in June at the beginning of their tour to England.

They will be the second international team to visit in less than a year, following Australia's game against England Lions at Canterbury last month.

Paul Millman, Kent's chief executive, said: "This is great news for Kent. Pakistan supporters are passionate about cricket and I'm sure that the match will generate a bumper crowd."

"I'm sure the people of Kent will come out in force to watch some of the finest international cricketers on show at the St Lawrence Ground."

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Picture DAVE STEWART

TRY-SCORER: Tom Ash storms clear to cross the line against Tunbridge Wells as Thanet built on their solid start to the London 1 South campaign with a second victory of the season

Forwards' form has coach singing Wanderers' praise

Tunbridge Wells 11 Thanet Wanderers 20

THANET Wanderers moved up to fifth in London 1 South after recording their second win of the season with a comfortable win at Tunbridge Wells.

Tom Ash was again the main man for the visitors, scoring two tries, while veteran full-back Neil Roby kicked the conversions and two penalties to earn Thanet maximum points.

Head coach Darryl Vas told Yourthanet that good forward play set the tone for the win.

He said: "We have been guilty of attacking and

RUGBY

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

having teams score break away tries, but that's what we did to them.

"We scored two tries in quick succession at the end of the first half and that's where the game was won. We wore their forwards down in the first half and despite them having very good backs, we managed to stop them from getting any good ball.

"It was not the most interesting game to watch but we did what we had to do."

The win means Thanet sit in the top half of the London 1 South table and Vas is delighted

with his young side's start to the season.

"I said to them before the game that this will dictate where we will be playing in the league," he said. "We are pretty happy with ourselves after the start we have made."

The Wanderers have potentially one of their toughest games of the season to date when Sidcup arrive at St Peter's Recreation Ground this weekend.

Having coached Sidcup before moving to Thanet, the Wanderers coach admits it's going to be a spicy encounter.

"Sidcup is an entirely different challenge to ones we have faced so far this season," he said. "The four games so far have been against light mobile backs, but Sidcup means we will be able to go back to proper ding dong battle up front which we are looking forward to."

Yorath chooses to jump rather than get the push

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

TERRY Yorath says he took the decision to resign as Margate manager because he didn't want the club to be fighting a relegation battle at Christmas.

The Blues were in the relegation zone when the former Wales manager decided to call time on his reign as Gate boss last Thursday.

Yorath told the players of his decision at the AFC Hornchurch game on Saturday and insists he is departing on good terms.

He told Yourthanet: "I had a long chat with the chairman and there were some things I could not agree with and that was it.

"To be quite honest, it was as simple as that. What I said to the chairman was there was one problem: I did not want this club to be in this position at Christmas time and then me resigning or them getting rid of me.

"I said if he wants me to go and I want to resign now, then let's do it now."

The 59-year-old joined Blues in June last year as the club's director of football before taking over from Barry Ashby as manager in October.

Despite at times bringing an attractive brand of football to Hartsdown Park, he was unable to prevent Margate finishing in the



DEPARTURE: Terry Yorath (left) resigned as Margate boss last week, while Neville Southall has stepped in as caretaker

bottom four of the Ryman Premier League last season, although the club were given a reprieve from relegation.

He managed to bring in the experienced John Keister, Steve West, Paul Nicholls, Lloyd Blackman and Ben Lewis to help bolster his side this season, but once again they have struggled to be consistent.

Yorath said: "The players shouldn't be in the position they are in. We have had injuries and suspensions and that hasn't helped, but they are a lot better than what they are showing.



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FOOTBALL



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ON THE SPOT: Lloyd Blackman's penalty hit the crossbar

Penalty miss spoils big Nev's first day in charge of Blues

Margate 0 AFC Hornchurch 0

MARGATE had good cause to feel hard done by as they missed out on the chance to climb into the Ryman Premier's top half on Saturday.

Neville Southall came close to victory on his first game in charge, but was left to reflect on Lloyd Blackman's missed penalty and a disallowed goal from Ben Lewis.

With the rest of the division either in FA Cup action or enjoying the weekend off, the game at Hartsdown Park represented an excellent opportunity to take advantage. Both sides went into the game in the bottom five but knew a victory would take them to the dizzy heights of 11th.

With goalkeeper Paul Nicholls injured, Southall handed a debut to new signing Luke Kiteley, while Louis Smith came in for Curtis Robinson.

The visitors dictated much of the play, especially in the first half, but struggled to get in behind Gate's defence. By contrast the home side saw little of the ball but looked much more threatening when they gained possession.

Joe Healy came close to an early opener with a fierce low drive, but ex-Margate stopper Darren Behcet was equal to the effort and turned it round the post.

There was more goalmouth action in the second half and the hosts won a penalty just before the hour mark. Blackman received the ball on the edge of the box and as he tried to make room for a shot the striker tripped. His spot-kick was well struck but just too high and cannoned back off the underside of the crossbar and away to safety.

Within minutes the hosts did have the ball in the net. Healy's corner was firmly met by Lewis, but was ruled out for an infringement.

It was the closest either side came to breaking the deadlock as honours ended even.

LEAGUE TABLE

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
1 Dartford	9	8	1	0	+26	25
2 Canvey Island	9	5	2	2	+3	17
3 Wealdstone	9	4	4	1	+5	16
4 Tonbridge Angels	9	4	3	2	+5	15
5 Maidstone United	9	4	3	2	+3	15
6 Aveyley	9	4	2	3	+3	14
7 Hastings United	9	4	2	3	+3	14
8 Tooting & Mitcham U	9	4	2	3	+2	14
9 Boreham Wood	9	4	1	4	+2	13
10 Hendon	9	4	1	4	-1	13
11 Kingstonian	9	4	1	4	-8	13
12 Sutton United	9	4	0	5	+2	12
13 Harrow Borough	9	3	3	3	0	12
14 Horsham	9	3	2	4	0	11
15 Ashford Town (Mx)	9	3	2	4	-2	11
16 Carshalton Athletic	9	3	2	4	-6	11
17 AFC Hornchurch	10	3	2	5	-7	11
18 Margate	10	3	2	5	-9	11
19 Cray Wanderers	9	3	1	5	-3	10
20 Billericay Town	9	1	5	3	-2	8
21 Waltham Abbey	9	1	4	4	-4	7
22 Bognor Regis Town	9	1	1	7	-12	4

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
1 Godalming Town	8	6	1	1	+9	19
2 Folkestone Invicta	8	5	2	1	+6	17
3 Merstham	9	5	1	3	-1	16
4 Croydon Athletic	7	4	2	1	+15	14
5 Chatham Town	8	4	1	3	-1	13
6 Walton & Hersham	6	3	3	0	+5	12
7 Corinthian-Casuals	8	3	3	2	+4	12
8 Fleet Town	8	3	2	3	+5	11
9 Dulwich Hamlet	8	3	2	3	+1	11
10 Metropolitan Police	8	2	4	2	+2	10
11 Burgess Hill Town	8	3	1	4	-1	10
12 Worthing	6	3	0	3	+1	9
13 Walton Casuals	7	2	3	2	0	9
14 Whyteleafe	8	3	0	5	-1	9
15 Ramsgate	9	2	3	4	-2	9
16 Leatherhead	7	2	2	3	0	8
17 Sittingbourne	6	2	2	2	0	8
18 Eastbourne Town	7	1	3	3	-4	6
19 Horsham YMCA	7	1	3	3	-7	6
20 Whitstable Town	6	2	0	4	-9	6
21 Ashford Town	7	1	2	4	-13	5
22 Chipstead	8	0	4	4	-9	4

FIXTURES

Saturday
Ryman Premier Division: Margate v Kingstonian
FA Trophy: Ramsgate v Leyton

Ville ladies hold opposition at bay to remain unbeaten

HOCKEY

CLIFTONVILLE ladies firsts made it two wins out of two last weekend with a convincing win against Sevenoaks ladies fourths.

Following on from a narrow opening day 1-0 win at home to Herne Bay, Cliftonville added to their momentum with a 4-1 victory at Sevenoaks' Wildernes School.

Only goal difference now separates the side from the top of the Kent Women's Outdoor Division One.

Ville's ladies have every chance of keeping their 100 per cent record intact this Saturday when they host rock bottom Bromley & Beckenham ladies, who have lost both their opening games without scoring a goal.

The second team are also flying high, topping Division Four with their second victory of the season.

A 4-0 win against Gravesend thirds took them two points clear at the top ahead of Saturday's home game against Burnt Ash fourths.

The thirds also won 4-0, but they were awarded the victory after Sutton Valence Russets conceded.

This weekend sees the start of the men's league programme. Ville's seconds will be looking for an improvement after an indifferent campaign in the Kent Men's Outdoor Premier B last season, when they finished eighth.

They begin the 2009/10 season at home to new boys Ashford fourths, who finished third in Premier C last time around.



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NEW SEASON: Cliftonville's men begin this weekend

The thirds begin Division Two with a trip to Folkestone Optimist fifths, while the fourth team host Ashford sevenths to start Division Three.

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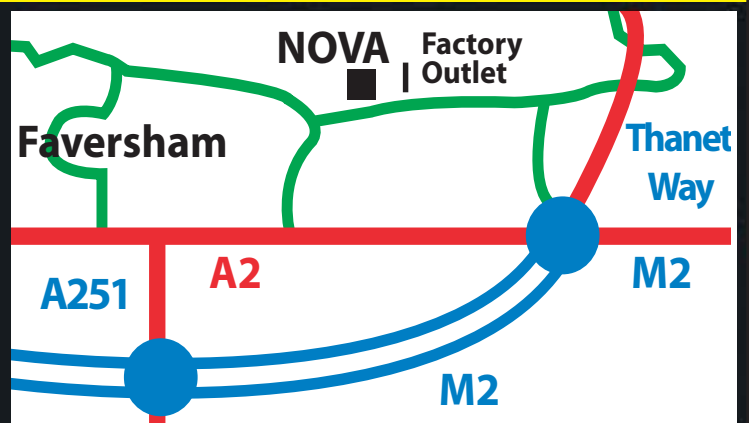
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